

AMENDMENTS

It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered in the above-identified application.

In the Claims

1 (Amended). An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

a' (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding the tomato β -galactosidase II polypeptide having the complete amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11 and designated TBG4 and encoded by the cDNA sequence contained in Gen Bank Accession No. AF020390;

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the mature tomato β -galactosidase II polypeptide having the amino acid sequence from about position 24 to about position 724 of the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11 and designated TBG4 and encoded by the cDNA sequence contained in Gen Bank Accession No. AF020390; and

(c) a nucleotide sequence fully complementary to either of the nucleotide sequences in (a) or (b), above.